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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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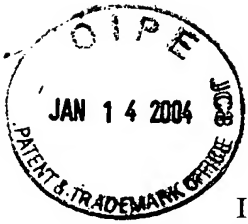
Sir:

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicant submits the following amendments to the application set forth below. Please charge any fees necessitated by the present amendment to the deposit account number 08-2789 of Howard & Howard Attorneys, P.C.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.



### CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING

I hereby certify that the enclosed **Preliminary Amendment** is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee," Mailing Label No. EL998311313US and addressed to **Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment**, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on **January 14, 2004**.

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